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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: T. HARA, et al

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For: CIRCUIT SIMULATION METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PERFORMING OPERATIONAL SIMULATIONS OF ELECTRONIC  
CIRCUITS BASED ON STORED CIRCUIT MODELS ACCESSIBLE  
BY AUTHORIZATION (Amended)

Group: 2825

Examiner: A. Thompson

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL - EXPEDITED**  
**PROCEDURE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 14, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.